

In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for information input and/or output, wherein the device has a processor and a display with a touch-sensitive layer (1), wherein the display has operator control elements and information fields, and wherein the device is connected to a communications network by means of a communications module that is connected to the processor, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device is embodied such that the device fits into a frame (5) that is suitable for both a recessed and a surface-mounted socket, wherein the operation control elements and information fields shown by the display are programmable, and wherein the processor allows a configuration in which the processor offers configuration menus.

2. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the recessed and surface-mounted socket has a minimum internal size of 54 mm and/or a mounting hole spacing of 60 or 60.3 or 83 mm.

3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the device has a maximum structural height of 12 mm.

4. (Currently amended) The device of claim 3, characterized ~~in that~~wherein a light (3) is placed behind the display, and that the light (3) has a plastic film with a diffusion coating and an optical fiber waveguide connection.

5. (Currently amended) The device of claim 4, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the display is a liquid crystal display (2).

6. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the communications module communicates with the communications network constantly or at intervals.

7. (Currently amended) The device of one claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the communications module communicates with the communication's network in wireless or hard-wired fashion.

8. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the operator control elements and information fields shown by the display are programmable, and a time interval between a reprogramming of the operator control elements and information fields is specified.

9. (Currently amended) The device of claim 8, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the processor rearranges the operator control elements and information fields shown by the display at predetermined time intervals on the principle of randomness.

10. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the processor allows a configuration in which the processor offers respective configuration menus for use in the areas of efficiency, physical access control, security technology and building installation practice.

11. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the device has a fingerprint sensor.

12. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, characterized ~~in that~~wherein the device of the invention has a card reader.